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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified patent application prior to the substantive examination thereof.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 11, after "object", please insert --at high speeds--.

Page 3, line 11, after "displacement", please insert -- in a process known as triangulation.--

Page 4, line 6, before "light", please delete "laser" and substitute --coherent-- therefor.